



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:
Innovation Ecosystem Development Initiative

Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA-0000356

Applicant (Legal Name) The Regents of the University of California, UC San Diego

Location: La Jolla, CA

Project Title Regional Energy Innovation and Commercialization

Proposed Action or Project Description

The University of California San Diego and San Diego State University are partnering to address deficiencies in the process for translation of research discoveries to the private sector in the clean energy space in the greater San Diego region and accelerate the movement of clean energy innovation from the university laboratory into the marketplace. The Phase I objective for launching the Regional Energy Innovation Challenge includes tasks such as: 1) project management and planning (organizing advisory board, refining strategic plan, implementing project management plan, etc.); 2) preparation for the regional energy innovation challenge (modifying processes, procedures, etc.); 3) issuing the regional energy innovation challenge solicitation (preparing proposals, etc.); 4) performing screening, conducting commercialization boot camp, and selecting Regional Energy Innovation Challenge awardees; 5) formulating and executing the Technology Development and Commercialization Plan; 6) reaching the community and planning for the future (identifying parties interested in partnering, etc.); 7) launching sustainability initiative for the Regional Energy Innovation Challenge (strategic plan, etc.); 8) evaluating program performance. The Phase II objective for program virtualization by leveraging social media and web 2.0 tools includes tasks such as: 9) executing the Year 2 Energy Innovation Challenge Program (fellowships, videoconferencing, training, etc.); 10) launching the Energy Innovation Challenge virtualization and social media initiative; 11) strengthening the sustainability initiative; and 12) evaluating energy challenge program performance. The Phase III objective for implementing the energy challenge sustainability initiative includes tasks such as: 13) executing the Year 3 Energy Innovation Challenge Program; 14) continuing to execute the Energy Innovation Virtualization Plan; 15) beginning to implement the Energy Innovation Challenge sustainability initiative; and 16) preparing the final report and disseminating best practices and lessons learned.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10 21

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

Gary S. Hartman

Date Determined:

9/9/2010

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